

REMARKS:

During the first telephone interview of May 13, 2010, it was agreed that claims 1 and 22 were indefinite because they were not clear on reciting which of the openings are connected together by a through bore. Language "the at least three openings" was suggested. However, this would raise an antecedence issue with the term "three". This was later discussed in a follow-up interview. The language now introduced to claim 1 was discussed and agreed upon with the Examiner.

Claim 22 has also been amended to recite that "each of the openings and the first and second surfaces" are connected together by the through passages.

Claims 12-16 stand as withdrawn pending reinstatement to depend from an allowable generic claim. It is urged that these claims should not be reinstated to depend from claims 1 or 2 and claim 11.

It is requested that the application be re-examined and passed to issue with the amended claims presented herein above.

No additional fees are believed to be required. In the event that an additional fee is required with respect to this communication, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees, or credit any overpayment, to Paul & Paul Deposit Account No. 16-0750. (order no. 8105)

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